

THE CITY OF GOTEMBA JAPAN

Gotemba is located 60 miles southwest of Tokyo and is known as the eastern entrance to Mt. Fuji. Located at the center of Izu-Hakone-Fuji National Park, recreation facilities exist for golfing, skating, hiking, climbing and camping. Similarities include the location of Gotemba at the foot of Mt. Fuji, many high tech industries and the fact that both cities are considered the horseradish capitals for their respective regions. The population is 80,000 and the city covers an area of 77 square miles. Gotemba became Beaverton's first Sister City in 1987.



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Gotemba has no official definition of "Sustainability," but, its basic environmental policy pertains to the implementation of the conservation and creation of the natural environment. The citizens and business people of Gotemba regard the implementation of this policy as comprehensive and systematic, for the maintenance of the present and future of the people's health, culture, and lifestyle.

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For environmental protection and creation, set the basic principles of the Ordinance in the city environment, clarifying the responsibilities of city residents and city businesses, by establishing policies form the basis of each nature of the city, according to business and social conditions, promote a comprehensive and planned manner while respecting the opinions of citizens and businesses, and to contribute to cultural life in the present and future public health is intended.

What activities are in place?

Some of the community projects in Gotemba include:

- Gotemba City-based NPO that gave the group that corporate efforts in environmental conservation.
- Association for the consideration of soil planting (www.morizukuir.com)
- Gotemba Eco House (www6.ocn.ne.jp)
- Board of Water and Green and Wind
- Fuji Conference (www.fujisankaigi.jp)